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The Week at Ottawa

(by Dr. F. W. Gershaw, M.P.)
A few years ago the Oriental wheat market went to Australia. This year the U.S.A. has obtained a large share of that market by loaning the people of China money to buy U.S.A. wheat. In other words, they are accepting a very doubtful paper for a gift of wheat. We in Canada have a tremendous carry-over of more than 200 million bushels. We also have live stock all over the country badly in need of feed. This feed is needed to keep stock alive in some cases and to prepare horses for spring work. Would we not give some of the great carryover to our own people for this purpose? It would serve a very useful purpose because even if the stock is not valuable we shudder to think of death by starvation. Also it would relieve the surplus and thus to no small degree help the price for our incoming crop.

Both leaders were in Toronto during the first of the week and consequently very little was done in the House. Toronto is starting a new century and 12,000 persons gathered in the Coliseum to hear the great addresses. Rev. Dr. Cody stated that the early pioneers endured hardships compared with which our present discomforts faded into insignificance. The progress of the city was traced from the humble beginning to the position it has now reached. "And who knows," the preacher said, "but that the century just started will bring a Toronto as different from the present as the present is different from the Toronto of 100 years ago."

A member of Parliament often has very important decisions to make. Sometimes he is inclined to vote against a measure because he does not trust the member who is sponsoring it. Sometimes a bill will come up and he will be strongly in favor of some parts of it and just as strongly opposed to other features of the same measure. He must then decide whether he will support or oppose the second reading. Members often lie awake weighing the pros and cons of some legislation. They during the day hear other members in the House or in the lobby advocating or condemning certain policies. A member must decide whether the judgment of the speaker is sound and whether his knowledge is comprehensive. In trying to decide on some features of a bill, like the Bank of Canada Bill, members will go to the library and search for the experience of all other countries of the world that have central banks and then compare the conditions in those countries with conditions in Canada. Experience is often a safe guide but not always in these times when problems come up of which there is no previous record.

The Department of Agriculture spends thousands of dollars each year getting out pamphlets describing all branches of farm and ranch practice. These little books give advice on every farm problem. By writing to the Department of Agriculture a full list of the pamphlets can be obtained along with any particular ones requested. No postage stamps are required on letters directed to the Department of Agriculture.

WILL HOLD COMMUNITY SALE

A. A. MacGregor, local auctioneer, is planning to hold a community sale in Bassano Saturday, March 24. Anyone with goods or livestock to list in this sale should see the auctioneer or R. A. Travis, clerk.

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GEM NEWS

GEM, March 14—A Wheat Pool public meeting under the auspices of the Gem local U.F.A. will be held in Gem school Monday, March 19 at 8:00 p.m. Wm. Pettinger, field service man, and N. Bryant will speak. Several young children in Gem are suffering from a mild attack of whooping cough.

Miss Ingrid Reistl and brother are visiting with their sister, Mrs. Clark Villet.

Plans are complete for the St. Patrick's dance to be held in Gem school Friday, March 16. The Gem orchestra is prepared with a program of the latest dance numbers. Irish selections will be given by Miss Portney, and Irish songs will be sung by Mrs. Hyrve and B. Williams. G. Deickman will be floor manager, and he has many stunts to present during the evening. A beautiful green cushion and a pair of gentleman's brushes will be raffled. The ladies will be in charge of refreshments. Two prizes will be given for the lucky door tickets. T. Leischner and A. Hyrve will be in charge of the door. Proceeds of the dance are to be for R. C. missions.

Rev. J. Morrow of Brooks, is an expected visitor in the colony on Monday evening. He will hold R. C. services at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Maguire 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, March 20.

Mrs. Chas. Wilson of Bassano is substituting in Gem school for Miss J. Anderson, who has been ill and off duty for several days.

A junior U.F.A. local was recently organized in Gem. G. Deickman is convener, B. Williams president, and Miss E. Robson secretary. Already they have a membership of 20 young people.

ROSEMARY NEWS

ROSEMARY, March 14—Mr. and Mrs. Stahl spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Rehrer.

The program given in the school last Saturday night by the Mennonite people was well attended. One play was given in English, and another in German. The music supplied by Jack Dyck on the mandolin, J. Heidt with the violin, Isaac Penner and John Jensen with guitar, was much appreciated. John Jensen's cowboy songs and yodelling were loudly applauded.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Norton and Mrs. LeRoy Gallup and son motored to Bassano Monday.

Roy Stevenson returned home last Friday after a week's visit at Ankrum's.

A number of local people attended the dance in Countess Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Park and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Maynes were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Young on Sunday.

Don't forget the baseball dance Friday March 23. A \$2 cash prize will be given the holder of the lucky ticket, and there is also a prize for the ladies. Everybody come and have a good time.

St. Patrick's Dance Friday March 16

Preparations for an Irish night have been made by the Ladies' Altar Society in their plans for their annual whist drive and dance Friday, March 16, in the Masonic Community Hall.

Music will be provided by the Searlet Serenaders of Enchant. A beautiful quilt will be raffled, and prizes will be awarded to the winners at whist. An Irish jig by juvenile artists is on the program.

RED DEVILS TIE WITH GLEICHEN

Bassano Boys Come Within Forty Seconds of Defeating Highly Rated Aces—Gleichen Comes From Behind Twice to Tie Game.

Bassano's juvenile team, the Red Devils, surprised the hockey experts last Friday night by upsetting the dope and battling the Gleichen Aces to a 2-2 overtime draw.

The highly rated team from Gleichen was a two to one favorite. They have the benefit of more experience and they have been setting a fast clip all season. The Aces have always beaten Bassano's juvenile team the last time by a 6-0 shutout.

But Friday night it was a different story, as the Red Devils forced the pace and were twice in the lead. They came within an eyelash of defeating Gleichen in the first overtime period but the visitors netted the tying goal forty seconds from the bell.

The teams were well matched in speed, stick handling, and combination play, and they battled thru two scoreless periods of fast and brilliant hockey that gave the fans many thrills. Marquardt scored on Smith's rebound in the third period for the first goal of the game. Two minutes from the end of the period Schreff scored for Gleichen following a pressure play, and sent the game into overtime.

The Red Devils again went out in front when Cawsey netted the rubber on a pass from Smith in the first overtime period, and it looked as though they had the game tucked away until Desjardine tied it up again with a shot that fooled Maurer forty seconds from the bell.

Both teams tried to break the tie in the second overtime period, but no more goals were scored.

Bassano: D. Maurer, G. Stiles, W. Marquardt; D. Ford, L. Cawsey, R. Bassarab; G. Smith, F. Thompson, E. Angell.

Gleichen: J. Bogstie, Murray, Latoski; Desjardine, Schneff, Clifford; Lester, Bell, McBean.

Farmers Warned to Watch For 'Hoppers'

Bassano District Not So Seriously Infested as Some Areas, But Measures to Check 'Hoppers' Are Necessary, says Government Official

Colin G. Groff, publicity commissioner of the Alberta Government, sends the following letter in reply to an inquiry from the editor of the Bassano Mail requesting information on the grasshopper situation in this district.

While the danger here is not so great as in some districts, says Mr. Groff, it is serious enough to command the attention of every farmer, and measures to combat the hoppers should be taken as soon as they begin to hatch.

Mr. Groff's letter follows.

Edmonton, March 7, 1934
"Editor The Bassano Mail: Your letter regarding the grasshopper menace has been referred to me for attention.

"I may say that Bassano is not in what is at present indicated as heavily infested areas, but is shown to be in an area in which the infestation is light and patchy. Brooks happens to be in the centre of a small heavily infested area and is therefore much more seriously concerned than Bassano district. Nevertheless, farmers in the Bassano district should be on the watch during the month of May for hopper hatching, and should notify their municipal council of what infestation they find.

"Complete plans have now been made for the poisoning campaign for the coming season and farmers, in addition to keeping in touch with their municipal councils in the matter, are invited to write to the Field Crops Branch of the Department of Agriculture here for their information.

"I appreciate very much your interest in the matter and will be very glad of any comments you may care to make on the situation.

Yours very truly,
Colin G. Groff,
Publicity Commissioner."

DUCHESS NEWS

DUCHESS, March 14—Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sissons entertained a few friends on Sunday night in honor of their 13th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McMahon spent the first of the week in Calgary.

Miss Christine Dunsmore spent the week-end in Brooks.

HUSSAR NEWS

HUSSAR, March 13—One of the outstanding events of the year took place on Friday evening when the pupils of Miss Peggy Reeves, L.A.B., gave their music recital. The hall was filled with an interested audience. Every pupil showed marked progress and gave a delightful contribution to the program. Net proceeds of the evening were donated to the Athletic Club. Pupils of Miss Reeves presented her with a bouquet of beautiful carnations and a silver cake tray. A jolly dance followed.

Fifteen members and three visitors gathered at the home of Mrs. J. Hoeght on Thursday afternoon for the March meeting of the Hussar Ladies' Aid. The business discussed had to do with the financial report, which included a statement of the proceeds of the play and valentine card party, the voting of the minister's salary, and the appointment of Mesdames T. Burdett and H. D. Brown as a committee to consult the teachers regarding a preliminary contest for all pupils wishing to take part in the music and dramatic festival in Strathmore on May 23, with a view to selecting the best material as representatives of the school, and also of providing funds for conveying the contestants to Strathmore. The program consisted of a reading of the article, "Walk With Me, Lad," by Mrs. E. J. Bell. After the meeting was adjourned the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Brassard and the Misses Anna Hole and Nancy Elliott, served a delicious lunch and all enjoyed a social hour. Next meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. W. D. Moffat, April 12.

The chief feature of the regular March meeting of the Hussar Lodge A.F. and A.M. on Monday evening was a talk on Masonic research and education given by Rev. J. W. House, of Gleichen.

Mrs. M. Muir and Mrs. Hobbs came over from Chancellor with their husbands on Monday evening and were entertained by Mrs. Hawkshaw.

John McGinis returned Friday from Rocky Mountain House.

E. LeGrandeur and Osborn Hoil and motored to Rocky Mt. House on Saturday and Gordon and Osborn returned Sunday.

Chester Thew, who has been spending the winter at Sylvan Lake, returned home on Sunday.

Bob Anthony, who has been away for more than a year, returned on Sunday.

Mrs. Boyce, who has been visiting Mrs. H. A. Treend, returned on Saturday to Calgary.

Mr. May, who spent the week assessing the property of Hussar, finished his work and returned to Calgary on Saturday.

The W. I. will meet at the home of Mrs. J. V. Elliott on the fifth Thursday of March; roll call, current events. All ladies invited to attend.

The Girls' Club will meet with Miss Marjorie Elliott on the evening of the same day.

Church services will be held here March 25, at noon.

The play to be given by the U.F.A. on March 23 is being anticipated with keen interest.

The High School Society will meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harper left on Monday for Spokane. Chas. Begner has rented their place.

Police Warn Against Safe Blowing Danger

A word of caution to merchants, warning them of the danger from safe blowers, is given by Constable Fene, Bassano detachment of the R.C.M.P.

A number of safe blowing crimes have recently been committed in the province, and the police advise merchants and business men in general not to leave large sums of money on their business premises over night.

The police request immediate report on suspicious strangers seen in or near town. The town constable or the R.C.M.P. should be notified at once.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Miller, who have been visiting in Spokane, will return this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Endersby and Jackie are expected home from Medicine Hat tomorrow.

Mrs. Sam Ramer is entertaining Marian Sisson today in honor of her 11th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Heibert and family have moved to the Sam Howe cottage.

Mrs. Sam Howe returned Monday from a holiday spent in Calgary. Mrs. McCabe and Ralph returned with her for a visit.

Town Merchants Suffer as Result Of Special Fares

Special Week-end Railway Rates Entice Business From Small Town to Cities — Says Cheap Rates Should Apply Both Ways

That merchants in small towns are losing business to city merchants as a result of special week-end railway fares from country points to the cities, was the statement made by A. McKee at the Bassano Board of Trade luncheon-meeting yesterday noon.

Mr. McKee did not suggest that the railways discontinue the special passenger fares, but he pointed out that the cheap rates applied only to return tickets from country points to the cities. He thought they should also apply to return tickets from the cities to country points.

Jas. Johnston agreed with Mr. McKee on this point. He said the practice was discrimination against city dwellers who wished to spend the week-end with friends in neighboring towns, and against students attending institutions of learning in the cities who desired to return to their homes in the country for the week-end.

Wm. McLaws pointed out that if the Bassano Board of Trade wished to make a recommendation in this matter they should communicate with the Board of Railway Commissioners as well as with the railway company.

A motion was passed that the C. P.R. and the railway commissioners be asked to make the special week-end passenger fares applicable both from and to the cities.

The parks committee reported that the town trees would require pruning this spring. They informed the board that incorrect pruning methods the last two years had resulted in trees growing lop-sided. The committee advised a thorough pruning this spring. A motion was passed instructing them to proceed with this work in co-operation with town officials.

The parks committee gave warning of the danger threatened to evergreen trees by an insect called the pine weevil. The numbers of these insects was expected to increase a hundred fold this year. Although no certain means of eradication was known, said the committee, the insect could be kept in check. The committee members will be pleased to give advice on preventive measures.

Dr. B. E. Barlow announced the board had now 43 paid up members.

A flavor of levity was injected into the meeting when Wm. McLaws challenged the membership of Dr. W. F. Keith following a motion by the latter who sought a \$25 appropriation for the entertainment committee. The secretary treasurer's books showed that Dr. Keith had failed to pay his membership fee for 1934, but Pres. Beeber allowed the motion to proceed and it was passed by the board. The delinquent member placed himself in good standing by paying his fees after the meeting.

The investigation on the carrying of foodstuffs in freight trucks will be reported at the next meeting, it was announced.

ALL STARS BEAT HIGH SCHOOL IN SOCCER MATCH

Age and experience triumphed over youth when an all-star football team defeated the high school boys 4-1 Wednesday afternoon.

The all-stars made the most of their chances to score, but the high school boys missed a number of opportunities.

The Cathros, father and son, booted in three goals for the all-stars, young Andrew getting two of them. L. Leonard accounted for the fourth. A. Ford scored the only goal for the high school team.

The line-up: All Stars: D. Hart, J. Stinson, D. Cathro, J. Bulmer, G. Elske, A. Cathro, W. J. Redmond, R. Ubertino, J. Hood, W. Marquardt, D. Smith, L. Leonard.

High School: A. Ford, R. Bassarab, J. McFarland, D. Ubertino, F. Thompson, L. Sanbrooke, D. Ford, G. Stiles, B. Plumer, H. Holmes, E. Angell, D. Maurer.

RED DEER EDITOR DIES

F. W. Galbraith, editor of the Red Deer Advocate for the last 27 years, died last Friday, March 9, at the age of 71. Mr. Galbraith, in a recent issue of his paper, celebrated his completion of fifty years in journalism. He was with the daily Mercury, Guelph, Ont., for 23 years. Mrs. W. K. Webb is a niece of the late Mr. Galbraith.

Europe's Large 1933 Wheat Crop

As the months pass by it is becoming more and more obvious that Europe's wheat crop was an enormous one. The London Times recently published an article on the subject in which it is suggested that the 1933 wheat crop of Europe was 480 million bushels larger than the crop of 1932, and it is suggested that France will have a carry-over at the end of the current crop year of 100 million bushels.

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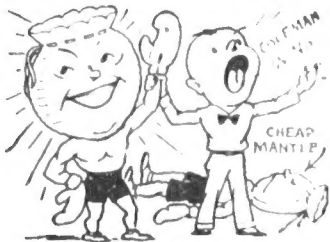
The following auction sales are held:

March 24, community sale at Duchess, 10 a.m.

March 21, R. N. Nurnemeyer, half mile west and one and one-half mile south of Patricia.

March 26, J. J. Nickel and Aron T. Enns, 4 miles south and 2 miles west of Gem Store and P. O.

March 27, J. M. Simpson, 2 miles north and 3 miles east of Duchess.



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Published every Thursday

Wallace J. Smith
editor and publisher

A number of farmers in the Bow Slope district are formulating a plan for the purchasing of the C.P.R. irrigation block by the farmers, and the suggested price is said to be \$15 an acre. Our opinion is that the C.P.R. would be glad to accept the offer—if they got the money.

Success in their strike for a change of elevator agents has encouraged Myrnam farmers to fresh efforts in other directions. Now they propose a strike to raise egg prices. We have seen eggs that were high, but they didn't strike us as being a nice kind of egg.

The first word of praise (it may be interpreted as such) for the Alberta Government coming from W. R. Howson was voiced last Monday when the Liberal chief said considerable improvement had been made during the past year in the administration of highways work. Premier Brownlee must feel elated.

When a government budgets for a deficit it looks like unsound business but it may be good politics. Which causes us to wonder if the Alberta Government, in budgetting for a deficit is not doing so with the object of winning the good graces of the electors. A tax increase and a reduction in public services might facilitate a balancing of the budget, but it might also antagonize the electors, and election time is coming.

THE HOPPER, 1934 MODEL

Our natural enemy, the grasshopper, will be with us again this coming summer. The entomologists, those scientific chaps who peer thru microscopes and study bugs and crawling things warn us there is danger of a larger number of grasshoppers this year than ever before. Some parts of the province are heavily infested with hopper eggs, and unless measures are taken to destroy the insects they will do immense damage to crops, gardens, and all vegetation.

Not is that all. The grasshopper, we are told, is a reactionary. He is reverting to type, according to Dr. W. H. Latimer, who is in charge of cereal and forage insect investigation for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In the old pioneer days of the American West the Rock Mountain locust moved in great clouds over the countryside and left behind a wake of ruin.

That is the kind of hopper expected in 1934. Entomologists say the hopper has been undergoing a physical change during the last few years. The 1934 model, like the new automobiles, will have a longer and stronger body. His wings will also be stronger and capable of sustaining him in longer flights. Thus he will be able to fly over the country in mass formation.

The outlook is serious, but we get some consolation from the provincial Department of Agriculture. Government officials have made investigations and they know approximately the area of greatest infestation. The department has a large quantity of poisoned bait to distribute as soon as the hoppers show signs of hatching, and we are told prompt action by farmers in putting out the poison as soon as the tiny insects begin to move about will destroy most of them.

Fifty years ago the farmers of the western states fought a losing battle with the locust plague. They fought alone, but we have a powerful ally science. With science on our side we stand a better chance to win.

THE WHEAT MENACE

Early forecasts of wheat control legislation in Alberta indicate that it will take the form of a quota system. This will permit every producer

to sell only a certain number of bushels—and no more.

The other prairie provinces are expected to enact similar legislation the purpose of which is to implement the terms of the world wheat agreement signed last year. The agreement limits Canada's wheat exports to 200 million bushels for the coming crop year.

It is expected the amount of wheat each farmer may sell will be based on his average sales the last five years, or possibly a longer period.

We pointed out some weeks ago that a quota based on average sales the last five years would impose a hardship on farmers in the drought stricken area of the south. In the last five years they have harvested four lean crops. Their yearly production for the five year period is consequently very low, and their quota would be proportionately lower. It would be almost as bad as another crop failure.

Perhaps it is too early to raise objections until details of the wheat control plan have been announced, but farmers of the south wheat belt are naturally deeply concerned when the suggested measures affect them so seriously.

For the dry belt farmer a quota based on a ten year production would be more fair.

Another plan which possesses some merit comes from a Bassano man who suggests that wheat sold for milling purposes be limited to the higher grades only. The poor grades of wheat would thus be kept off the market, a high standard maintained, and production kept within the limits allowed by the world wheat agreement.

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TWELFTH INSTALMENT

Simon Judd, amateur detective, and Wm. Dart, undertaker, are visiting John Drane, eccentric man of wealth. The household is shocked to find that Drane has been murdered. Police officers are called and investigations begin. Dr. Blessington is called, and after seeing the murdered John Drane makes the astounding revelation to Amy Drane that her "uncle" is a woman. All the servants of the house are sickly. Dick Brennan, detective, arrives and questions the servants and Miss Amy Drane. Simon Judd, Drane's boyhood friend, goes "partners" with Brennan in his search for the murderer. Mrs. Vincent, housekeeper, tells them Drane picked his servants from among the sick at the hospital. Dr. Blessington is asked if he had ever noticed any special change in Drane. Dr. Blessington has little information to give. The talk veers to Drane's employment of chronic invalids, and suddenly Judd accuses the doctor by asking when "Drane murdered the first of those hired hands of his?" Now go on with the story.

That Dr. Blessington was utterly amazed and genuinely shocked by this brazen question discharged at him by Simon Judd is putting it mildly. He glared at the fat lowan and when he tried to speak he could only splutter. Brennan looked at Simon Judd with smiling curiosity, but as Judd's possible thought suggested itself to him, he straightened with a perceptible jerk.

"Murdered!" spluttered the doctor. "I take exception to that word, sir! I demand that you explain!"

"Well, black my cats!" Simon Judd said good naturedly. "You

don't have to go flyin' off the handle at me, doc. I ain't said you murdered anybody. It just sort of struck me that maybe this dead lady had been doin' some. I don't know but what—if I was a female person tryin' to let on to be a male man, and if I had all-fixed big reasons for keepin' it dark—I would sort of like to get rid of any noney hired help that got a notion I wasn't what I let on to be. Seems reasonable to me, some ways. I ain't sayin' you had anything to do with it, doc. Don't think you had, myself. You ain't that sort."

"Why—why—" Dr. Blessington stammered, still too angry to have control of himself.

"Never mind, Blessington," Brennan said soothingly. "Our friend here is a new hand at this business. He only thought he had found something interesting. Don't let it worry you. Stop as you go out, if you want to talk it over; it's probably unimportant."

But when the doctor had left them to enter the house Brennan did not act as if he thought the suggestion unimportant.

"Have you seen anything to make you think there has been murder of that sort done?" he asked Judd, but the lowan was unable to say he had.

"Now, don't you go payin' too much attention to what I say from time to time, Dick," he said. "I'm gabby, I am. Always was an old fool when it come to shootin' off my mouth; notion hits me in the head and I blab like a kicked billy goat. Wouldn't surprise me a mite if I was all wrong about these sick and half-hired hands bein' murdered; probably just one of my fool notions. Doc wouldn't go and bury nobody without findin' out what they died of."

"He certainly would not—if he suspected anything," Brennan said. "But if he had no reason to suspect—if he saw in a death only the operation of the disease he had been treating? There may be a lot in this idea of yours."

"Pshaw, ro!" Simon Judd said with exaggerated carelessness. "Just the fool talk of a fat old feller that don't know nothin' much. You better forget it, Brennan. Go on and ask some more of the help about things."

"I never forget anything, Judd," Brennan said, but he did continue, as his next step, the questioning of the servants. The local reporters had by this time had word of the murder and began arriving, and Brennan referred the first to Dr. Blessington and the officers upstairs, and told Norbert to send any others to Dr. Blessington. To have privacy for his further questioning he went into the library and had the servants sent to him there.

From the servants, however, he was able to draw nothing new. With Simon Judd's murder suggestion in mind he dug a little more into that phase of the life in the Drane home. Norbert said that he had succeeded a houseman who had died, and the cook Maggie Maney admitted that she had come while her predecessor still lay dead above stairs, but she insisted she had known the former cook and that she had always been sickly and weakly. The others had followed servants who had gone to other positions as their health improved, or had been sent to sanitariums by John Drane when they became too ill to work.

To get Maggie to say this intelligibly was not easy, for she had been drinking, and as Brennan's questioning proceeded she was alternately angry—shouting her answers at the top of her voice—and maudlinly tearful, her huge body shaken by rather ridiculous sobs. She became so hysterical finally that Brennan told her he would not bother her more then, for it was plain she was an apoplectic, and he was afraid she might break a blood vessel if she carried on any worse. But she would not go.

All Brennan had managed to get from her were assertions that John Drane, "poor woman that she was" had been a "heavenly angel, God rest him," and that a poor woman had a right to a "swaller" of drink when her heart was broke, and that she could tear the hair from the heads of "them that came sneakin' an' snoopin' tryin' to blacken folk's car-ack-ters."

"All right, then, Maggie," Brennan told the excited cook. "We won't sneak and snoop any more. You go back in the kitchen and take it easy, and don't let it worry you. And just send the chauffeur in, will you?"

The cook flared up again. "I'll not have him bulldozed by the likes of you," she shouted. "All shame to you, stirrin' up strife in the house. Go on about your busi-

ness an' leave us be, why don't you?" "Now, be easy," Brennan urged good naturedly. "I'm Irish myself, and you don't want to get me angry, you know. It'd be a terrible row. You just tell George I want to see him here, that's all."

The cook went out mumbling and growling, but George did not come and Brennan had to send Norbert for him.

"What got into that stout lady cook, do you think?" Simon Judd asked while they waited for the chauffeur.

"Some of the worst sort of whisky now being bootlegged," Brennan replied, smiling. "I imagine John Drane kept the lady pretty severely off the stuff and she's paying her first real happy time for many a month."

"Black my cats!" Simon Judd exclaimed. "It beats any time how they get hold of the stuff, with prohibition and all."

"They get it," Brennan said drily, but Norbert's return cut short further explanation. He said George the chauffeur was sorry but he had gone to bed and didn't think he could get up.

"He says, Mist Brennan, how the growth in his stomach got mighty bad all-of-a-sudden-like while back, and he ain't able to stand it. He says how the pain is mighty terrible. He ain't hardly able to stand it, he says. So he took some of the medicine what he's got and went to bed."

"Well, what's the rest of it?" Brennan asked. "I can see that's not all, you've got something else on your mind."

"I was only thinkin', Mist Brennan," Norbert said, "that if he got a pain or ain't he got a pain it ain't got to be much use troublein' George right now. No, sir. Seems like he been indulgin' in alcoholic liquor to a very considerable extent."

"Drunk, is he?"

"He certainly has been indulgin'," Norbert said seriously. "I ain't seen a man what has indulged more completely for quite some time. No, sir."

"We'll put George off for the present then," Brennan said. "Are there any other servants I have not seen?"

"No, sir," Norbert assured him. "We you has seen is all."

"This George," Brennan asked. "What do you know about him, Norbert?"

The negro told what he knew. Like the others, George—who had the odd name of Firmandick—had been in John Drane's service some little time. He had been an orderly in the hospital before coming to Drane and had had an operation for a growth in the stomach, but the operation had not been entirely successful. The growth had returned, Dr. Blessington said, Norbert told Brennan, that the growth was a serious matter and would kill Firmandick some day if there was not another operation, but the chauffeur was set against another.

The chauffeur, Norbert said, was supposed by the servants in the house to be engaged to marry Maggie, but no one believed the marriage would ever take place because they did not believe George would live to be married. He was too ill when his bad spells came upon him. Norbert said he supposed George got his liquor from some bootlegger; the servants knew George usually had whisky in his room but the chauffeur seldom drank it—only when the pain was bad. Probably, Norbert said, Maggie had got the whisky from George, but she should not drink. Dr. Blessington said she had a mighty high blood pressure and whisky was dangerous for her. He had scared her good, Norbert said, when she had a sort of stroke. The doctor told her she was pretty sure to drop dead if she took much whisky.

(continued next week)

CROWFOOT NEWS

CROWFOOT, March 13—The U.F.A. whist drive and dance in the Makepeace school last Saturday was well attended and everyone reports an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hallett and Mrs. Freeman, of Enlida, Alta., spent Friday evening visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Walker.

Thirty friends of Mr. and Mrs.

Ralph Pedigo gathered at their home last Wednesday evening to charivari the newlyweds. An enjoyable evening was spent playing bridge.

Several persons from this vicinity attended the dance at Courtess last Friday night.

The Misses Helen Fowler, Addie and Lillian Holden, John Holden and Harold Lynn of Cayley, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. McCurdy.

A number of local people attended the Scotch concert and play in Cluny last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roberge, Rita, Irene, and Doreen, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Walker, Gordon and Donald, spent Saturday evening at the Hefflebower home.

Herman and Chris Jorgensen, A. Mortenson, and Geo. Nelson attended the sale north of Courtess last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hallett, Doris and Vera, Howard Larson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Weir and family of Bassano, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Campbell last Sunday.

The softball game between Crowfoot and Bassano was postponed from last Sunday till the weather warms up. The Makepeace softball team was seen out warming up last Sunday. Fans and players want action early in the season this year.

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LOCAL NOTES

A. A. MacGregor received a telegram from Victoria, B. C., Wednesday morning telling of the death of his mother at the age of 84. She left Calgary about a year ago to live in Victoria. The body will be brought to Calgary for burial.

The Bishop of Calgary will hold a confirmation service in the Anglican Church on Sunday next, March 18, at 4:00 p.m. Seven candidates will be presented for confirmation.

Mrs. Jack Huffer, of Calgary, was a caller on Mrs. H. T. Johnson last Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Galbraith, of Lethbridge, were here on Monday calling on their daughter, Mrs. W. K. Webb. Mrs. Webb returned to Lethbridge with them for a short visit.

A number of Bassano people attended the Scotch concert in Clury last Friday evening and took part in the program. Jas. Johnston gave three impersonations of Harry Lauder; Jas. Hamilton sang; The little Slorance girls danced, and Wm. McLaws gave a reading. Mrs. A. Flanagan was accompanist.

Billy Boyce is crying an auction sale for W. Loewen, near Rosemary, March 26.

Dr. W. G. Anderson, of Wardlaw, was a visitor to Bassano last Tuesday.

Richard Rathbone is now doing electrical work for a manufacturing firm in Vancouver. He is also attending night school.

E. P. Currie was home for the week-end.

W. R. Whitnew was in from the Wintaring Hills on Tuesday.

McLAWS LOSES FINAL IN INVITATION HONSPIEL

Wm. McLaws and his Bassano rink lost the final game in the Dr. W. D. Merritt invitation honspiel staged at the Glenora Club, Calgary, last Saturday. Sleeman, of High River, defeated McLaws 5-4 in the final game that was cut off at six ends when an inch of water on the ice prevented further play.

McLaws skipped the rink. Art Simpson played third, G. Elske second, and L. Whitehorn lead.

SOFTBALL NEXT SUNDAY

Crowfoot and Bassano teams will clash in a softball game next Sunday afternoon at the Bassano ball park. The game was postponed from last Sunday because of cold weather.

HOSPITAL NEWS

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Hong, Cluny, on Saturday March 10 at the Bassano Hospital.

Bob Anderson, son of Dr. W. G. Anderson, Wardlaw, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Tuesday, March 13. He is getting along fine.

Mrs. J. Reimer, Bassano, underwent an operation March 13.

Geo. Nelson, Brooks, is a patient in the hospital after an operation March 14.

Jas. Steves, Iddesleigh, is a hospital patient after an operation for appendicitis March 15.

Mrs. J. Mortensen, Brooks, died Wednesday, March 14, twenty-four hours after being admitted to the Bassano Hospital. She was 31 years of age.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Bassano W. I. met at the home of the president, Mrs. Corbett, on Tuesday, March 6. The members expressed themselves as being more than satisfied with the success of their recent dance.

Mrs. J. N. Cawsey read a paper on legislation.

The W. I. aims to do a greater good in the community this year than ever before. One object for which they are raising funds, on becoming known to the public will surely meet with the approval of every good citizen. Every effort put forth by this organization should have the full support of the community.

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